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### **M.A.C. Joins Press Conference to Oppose Proposal 5**

**LANSING, Mich.** – The Michigan Association of Counties (M.A.C.) joined Governor Rick Snyder and a coalition of local governments, business leaders, and advocacy groups today at a press conference to oppose Proposal 5.

“Proposal 5 would create a huge tax shift putting more strain on local government,” said M.A.C. Board 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Jon Campbell, Commissioner from Allegan County, who spoke on behalf of M.A.C. “Counties have mandated services, like child welfare, that cannot be cut. The passing of Proposal 5 would inhibit the state further from paying their portion of these services.”

Proposal 5 would require a 2/3 majority vote of the State House and the State Senate in order for the State of Michigan to impose new or additional taxes. This will permanently change the state constitution creating a minority rule in the legislature by giving super powers to a minority of just 13 senators.

“This is one of the most egregious proposals on the ballot,” said Governor Snyder. “It is just not good public policy.”

More information can be found on the topic at <http://defendmidemocracy.com/>.

*The Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) founded on February 1, 1898, is the only statewide organization dedicated to the representation of all county commissioners in Michigan. MAC is a non-partisan, non-profit organization which advances education, communication and cooperation among county government officials in the state of Michigan. MAC is the counties' voice at the State Capitol, providing legislative support on key issues affecting counties.*

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